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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A dental hygiene tutorial toy which is configured to look like a child's doll and which contains a sound generating device that offers a child user information regarding proper dental hygiene and encouragement regarding brushing. The dental hygiene tutorial toy also includes an integrated timer to ensure that the child brushes his or her teeth thoroughly. Embodiments of the dental hygiene tutorial toy may include holders for a toothbrush, a tube of toothpaste, or a drinking cup. Also disclosed is a method for instructing children in proper dental hygiene comprising the steps of providing a child friendly dental hygiene tutorial toy with an integrated sound generating device that provides instruction and encouragement to ensure the proper brushing of teeth.

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